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With a history dating back to the beginnings of tourism here, the building is rich in memories. From the time it started as a luncheonette in 1920 right up to the present, it has remained most famous for shoo-fly pie, served warm with whipped cream. The Dutch Haven shoo-fly pie has even been mentioned in a TIME magazine article.

Today, as soon as you walk in, you'll be offered a free sample of that same delicious, gooey pie. Some 40,000 pies are baked

annually, using the original (secret) recipe. Visitors are still encouraged to "Take one for yourself or send one to someone nice." You can buy and ship pies home at the store or at their "online shop," where you'll find other local crafts as well.

Yes, Dutch Haven is much more than pies, with over 10,000 unique gift items, foods, and collectibles. Some of the most popular are jams, jellies, and canned goods,

noodles, Amish pine furniture and cedar chests, hex signs, quilted spice mats, Amish straw hats, jewelry and gemstones, Dutch Delft tiles, Amish dolls, onyx and soapstone animals, trivets, metal stars, Tiffany lamps, Amish romance novels, framed prints, plenty of T-shirts and postcards, and a tremendous selection of Amish-made outdoor furniture. It's an eclectic mix, to say the least.

As you explore, you'll discover lots of other "surprises" around every corner. Expect the unexpected! And don't forget the Amish-style root beer in the barrel.

Remember, Dutch Haven is open 7 days a week, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and. For more info about this Lancaster County landmark, call 717.687.0111. Look forward to your free sample when you walk in under the welcoming arms of the windmill...for this truly is the place that made shoo-fly pie famous.





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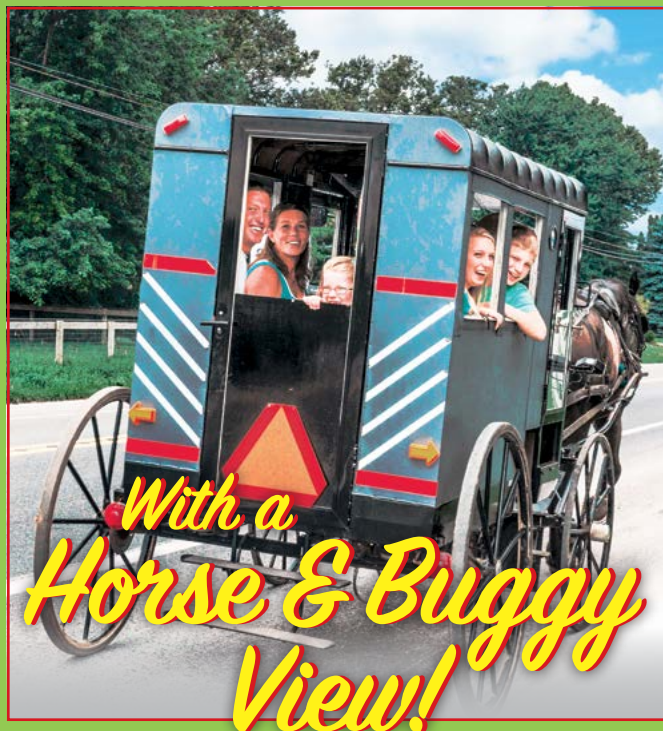
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A PERSONAL TOUCH

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When they were little girls, Jessica and her sisters were all taught how to drive buggies from a young age, and learned how to take care of horses from their dad.

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The Buggy Rides depart from the covered bridge of Plain and Fancy Farm between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. Completely surrounded by Amish farmland, there are different scenic routes offered. Just pick your ride when you arrive. You'll see a little red covered bridge along the side of Route 340, exactly a mile and a half from either Bird-in-Hand or Intercourse.

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Jessica's dad, who has driven thousands of visitors down Amish farm lanes over the last 30 years, was three years old when he had his first recollection of a horse. He guesses he has driven a carriage more than anyone else in Lancaster County, about 10,000 miles!

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Kids love buggy rides, especially getting to sit up front next to the drivers! As one visitor from Long Island said, "This is our fifth time here this year. We love it here. Since my son woke up this morning Aaron & Jessica's is all I've heard." So, if your kids are driving your buggy, let Aaron & Jessica take over the reins for a while! 

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city quality at small town prices. So take in a show while you are here in 2019!

Starting on the east side of Lancaster County, on Route 30, **American Music Theatre** is known for its original review-style shows, including this year's *OVATION – Pops Orchestra Experience* and their popular "Joy to the World" Christmas Show. In addition,

there is always an amazing roster of headliners and touring productions.

Nearby **Rainbow Comedy Playhouse** has the distinction of being America's only all-comedy dinner theater. Their laugh-out-loud comedies are guaranteed to make you chuckle, but not blush...well, maybe a little. Shows this year are *In laws Outlaws*, *Nana Does Vegas*, *Divorce Southern Style*, *Funny Money*, and their special *A Christmas to Remember*.

Heading south toward Strasburg is the nationally known **Sight & Sound**, the largest faith-based live theatre in the United States. The huge wrap-around stage and jaw-dropping spectacle would make most of Broadway jealous. But the shows are all about faith and inspiration, and the new *JESUS* continues in 2019, along with the magical *Miracle of Christmas*.

Over the years, the village of Bird-in-Hand on Route 340 has become a mini theater destination all its own. The **Bird-in-Hand Stage** presents Amish-themed shows, and premieres *Stolen*, a "musical whodunit" based on stories by Wanda Brunstetter. For the holidays, enjoy *A Christmas to Remember*, set in Paradise, PA. Sharing the stage on other dates are shows by illusionist Brett Myers, who mystifies audiences with two family friendly shows, *Magic and Wonder* *IMAGINE* and *A Magical Merry Christmas*.

Just a mile away is **Plain & Fancy**, known for "Jacob's Choice," an experiential presentation shown daily at the Amish Experience. But still relatively unfamiliar to most visitors are the new Magic Lantern Shows. A live showman, music, projected images, and an 1890's lantern re-create the most popular form of entertainment in America before the movies, with a Patriotic Show in the summer and a Christmas Show for the holidays.

Northern Lancaster is home to the **Ephrata Performing Arts Center**, with theater-in-the-round style productions that range from edgy shows to classics, such as this year's *Ragtime*, *Pippin*, *Evita*, and *My Fair Lady*.

Downtown Lancaster's true treasure is the **Fulton Theatre**, on the National Register of Historic Places. Coming in 2019 are *Chicago*, *Once*, *Sophisticated Ladies*, and *Mamma Mia*, among others. The interior of this historic gem is an added bonus to the acclaimed Broadway-quality shows.

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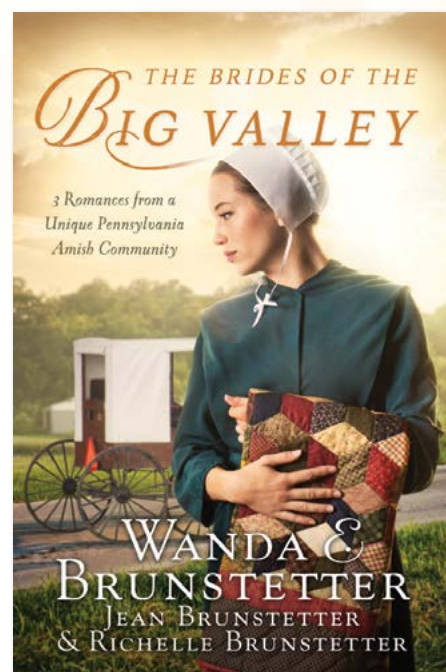
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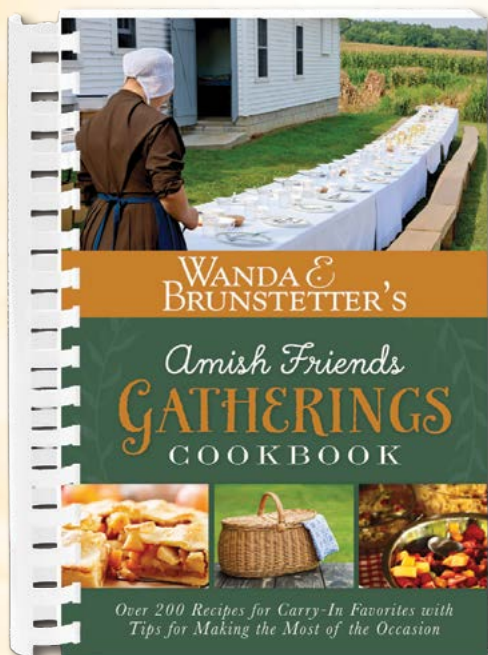
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that we have forgotten about. Who knows what may be there waiting for an appearance on “Antiques Roadshow?”

Did you know that the **Adamstown** area alone has over 3,000 antiques dealers, and is known as “Antiques Capital, U.S.A.” The many locations stretch out along Route 272, just off Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 286, such as **Shupp’s Grove** with its themed weekends, in a beautiful location among a grove of trees.

Renninger’s Antique Market, is another Adamstown original, known for being the first stop for dealers and buyers when shopping in Adamstown. Every Sunday before the birds get up activity is already starting at **Renninger’s Antique Market**. Dealer after dealer arrive and begin to set up. You can feel the quiet frenzy of panic as buyers move around trying to view as much as possible. Suddenly you look at your watch and realize the indoor market is about to open...more fresh merchandise. You enter the indoor market with confidence that you have found the mother lode of Antiques and Collectibles.

And **Paradise** wouldn’t live up to its name along Route 30 in Lancaster without some antique stores. Popular with visitors is the **Cackleberry Farm Antique Mall**, with

26,000 square feet of merchandise from over 125 dealers — an antique hunters Paradise indeed!

Most of the antique shops are open on Sundays, making this an excellent weekend activity, whether you stay overnight or just drive in for the day. As the folks at **Shupp’s Grove** like to say, it’s all about “the thrill of the hunt and the euphoria of the big find!” 🐾



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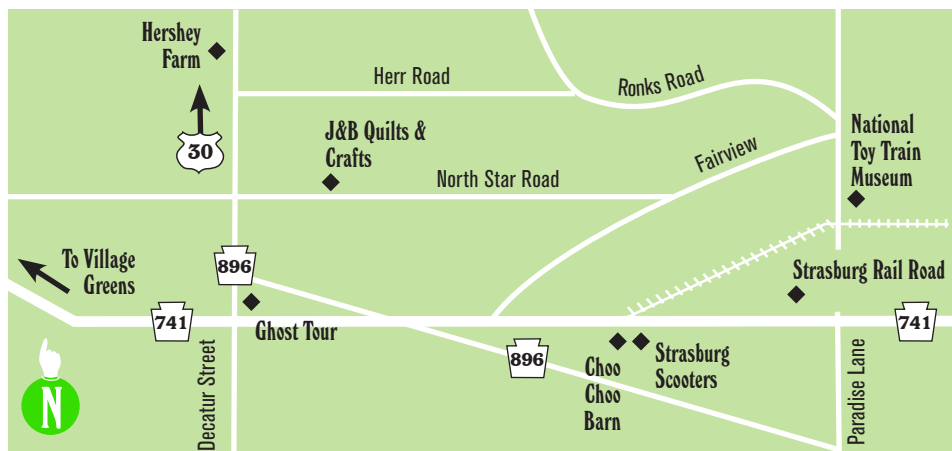
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may not know much about the interesting history of "Train Town."

Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillon, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, as French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River.

As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods, the path became known as the Conestoga Road, and the wagons that traveled them eventually became known as Conestoga Wagons. Main Street Strasburg was developed during the next half century as traffic on this road increased considerably and the first log houses appeared in the village about 1733.

Strasburg continued to flourish in the 18th century primarily because of its location along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster, and the Susquehanna River.

As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial interests of Philadelphia pressured the State Legislature to improve the transportation network into their city. As a result, a series of canals along with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Roads were constructed. Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position and there soon emerged a charter for the Strasburg Rail Road to construct a rail line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Finally in the 1850's, trains were hauling freight and passengers.

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Opening up the event throughout the year creates an opportunity for more people to visit and more food to be collected during times when the food bank may be lacking in supply.

Thankful Thursdays will be held six times in 2019 on the first Thursday of the month: April 4, May 2, June 6, September 5, October 3, and November 7. The event will be held during regular business hours, 10am-4:30pm. Admission to the Choo Choo Barn layout is FREE with a donation of at least one non-perishable food item per person, regardless of age. Please note that the following items are the most highly demanded, per the food bank: peanut butter, canned meats (tuna and chicken), healthy cereal, pasta, fruit and rice. No expired food is accepted, per food bank policies. Please give generously – admission is *at least* one item per person!





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A Collection of Amish Writings



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Learn About the Amish From the Amish Themselves

Brad Igou Compiles Their Writings in *Amish Voices*

“A lovely, heartwarming compilation of beautiful Amish letters that will move readers to tears and also make you laugh aloud.” —AMY CLIPSTON

“Reading this book is like sitting down with Amish friends over coffee and listening as they answer every question you ever had about their lives.”

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The Amish are more than a tourist curiosity. They attract widespread attention, but truths about their faith and life can be hard to come by. What do members of these quiet communities really

think and believe? Brad Igou, compiles writing from the Amish themselves in *Amish Voices: A Collection of Amish Writings* (Herald Press, June 2019).

Amish writers share news and advice from their communities and reflect on their daily lives, work, and faith in this collection that Igou compiled from articles appearing in *Family Life*, a monthly Amish magazine. Learn how the Amish began and what they value. In *Amish Voices*, they reveal what they think about technology, happiness, community, obedience, success, and change. They discuss shunning and *rumspringa* and forgiveness.

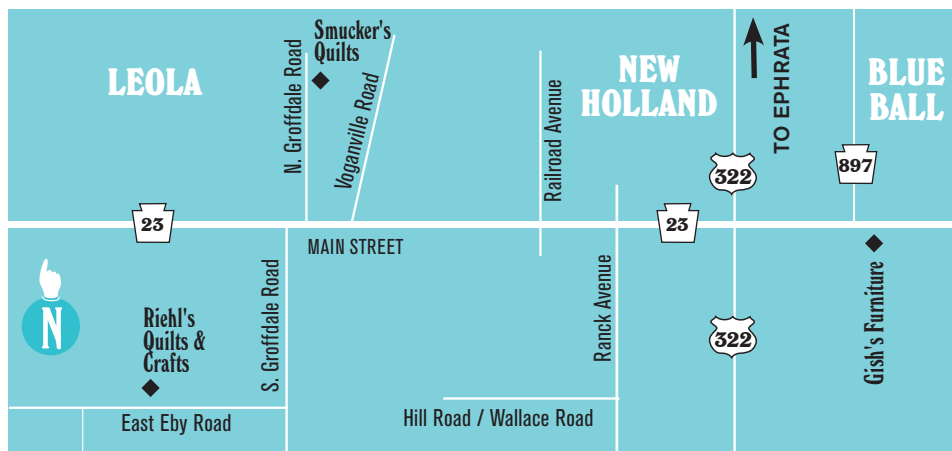
“Here is a book about the Amish, written by the Amish,” writes Igou. “Although I have selected the material, I have tried to keep myself out of it as much as possible so that the writers may emerge with their own character.”

Instead of learning about the Amish from outsiders, you can learn from the Amish themselves in this behind-the-scenes tour of Amish life.

“Sensitive readers will learn many details of Amish life and religious customs,” Igou writes. “They also will hear the very human and deep thoughts these people have in their daily lives. Many excerpts are anonymously written or signed only with initials. Most Amish are not likely to engage in intense self-analysis or bare their souls to others. As they wrote their feelings, many, I believe, found a wonderful outlet for their personal concerns. Some people think the Amish are rather stoic; these writings, however, are filled with emotion, joy, and sorrow.”

Brad Igou, Former President and co-owner of Amish Country Tours in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and publisher of *Amish Country News*. Igou is past board chair of Discover Lancaster and recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award. He also created the Amish Visit-in-Person Tour, which gives visitors the opportunity to personally meet and talk with the Amish where they live and work. 

They Go By The Name of NEW HOLLAND & BLUE BALL



The northeastern part of Lancaster County offers many intriguing small towns and attractions. Coming from Ephrata on Route 322, you will arrive in Blue Ball and the intersection with Route 23. The town got its name from the Blue Ball Hotel, built more than two hundred years ago. In the early 18th century, John Wallace built a small building in Earl Town at the intersection of two Native trails, French Creek Path (now Route 23) and Paxtang (Route 322). He hung a blue ball out front from a post and called it "The Sign of the Blue Ball." Locals soon began

calling the town "Blue Ball" after the inn, and in 1833, Earl Town officially became Blue Ball. Continuing west, you will arrive in the town of New Holland.

New Holland's European Background

The unstable situation in Europe in the late 1600's spawned and nurtured the pioneer interest in the deep forest lands of Pennsylvania—60 miles inland from Philadelphia. In 1681 William Penn received his 40,000 square-mile land grant to settle King Charles' debt to his father. Being a Quaker, William Penn had experienced



religious persecution firsthand, and decided to establish his American colony on the idealistic basis of complete religious freedom.

This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War has raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. Some towns were burned out two or three separate times during the period. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area.



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These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found willing ears. In addition to complete religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres. (At today's rate exchange, this would be less than \$.06 an acre, plus a small annual "quit rent.") By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania, and Queen Anne, newly reigning in England, was delighted that Penn was colonizing his immense grant without drawing off the population of Britain.

The area now called New Holland was practically covered by virgin forests—sturdy timber of oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. By 1728, William Penn, had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania and was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

Naming the Town

In 1729 the Proprietary Legislature started to establish inland counties, and the following year Lancaster County was divided into 17 townships. Because the first settler in this general area was at Groffdale, the township was named after him, with the English equivalent of his German name which is Earl. Consequently the settlement was referred to as "Earltown." Michael Diffenderfer named his real estate development New Design in 1750. In 1802 when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no dissension to naming the town New Holland.

The Dutch assistance is thought to have included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage. It was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was a liberation compared to the Europe they fled. Except for the Netherlands, there was no other country that offered complete freedom of religion, assembly and speech to all.

The village founders were German, not Dutch. They were surrounded by English and Welsh Quakers, Episcopalians, a few Swiss-German Mennonites and some Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. The Amish arrived later.

Tribulations of the Settlers

Although these pioneer settlers found all they had hoped for in peaceful existence and freedom of worship, it should not be thought

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that this was necessarily a land of "milk and honey." There were many hardships during these early years. Swarms of locusts ravaged the area in 1732. Severe earthquakes were active throughout eastern Pennsylvania in 1737. Two successive seasons of poor crops (1750-51) followed by three years of drought (1752-54). A hailstorm in 1763 dropped hailstones as large as turkey eggs killing many small animals. During the very hard winter of 1780 twenty inches of ice formed on the ponds, and the ears of sheep and cattle had frozen.

Public Roads—Legends vs. Facts

New Holland was laid out as a "street town" in the typical European style of having the villagers live in a central location along both sides of the street, but each having an outlying plot of land to cultivate in addition to his trade as a craftsman. Even today, the main street of New Holland has major "kinks" or bends in it. Unsympathetic visitors claim it looks as if the town were built along a "cow path." If one looks with a discerning eye, the street also follows the high ground. The land on the ridge was the driest and in winter it would be blown clear of much of the snow. These settlers made the obvious facts of nature work for them rather than against them.

Surveying as practiced in the 1700's was not a precise craft. The records show that the Horse Shoe Road was 1 of only 3 public roads in early Lancaster County. (Today it's mostly Route 23.) It was surveyed in 1737 to connect Lancaster with the Coventry Iron works in Chester County. But in 1795, when Earl Township supervisors had it resurveyed, they found the correct location

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where it passed through New Holland was somewhat to the south of the existing Main Street. Furthermore, through the town itself the roadway was only 33 feet wide instead of the 50 feet supposedly specified. The town citizens appealed to the County Court for relief, which was granted, so the Horse Shoe Road through New Holland was accepted as it existed in fact, and the maps were changed accordingly. Most of Main Street remains only 33 feet wide today. New Holland is a charming small town similar to many small towns in rural America. The strength of New Holland lies in its people, who "want to be free to work hard, strive for excellence, and have a pride in their rich heritage." 

Over the last few years, we have seen more and more publications aimed at the Amish community. Some of these are published by the Amish themselves. In the beginning, these newspapers and magazines were ways to communicate across the various settlements in different States, and had little to no advertising. As time went by, the marketing and business potential became apparent to many, including the Amish themselves, and now there are publications that are devoted almost entirely to advertising goods and services, such as “The Busy Beaver,” which I shared with you last month.

In this article, I want to focus on the “Plain Communities Business Exchange,” or PCBE, published in Millersburg, PA. This publication has grown remarkably over the years, with 2018 being its 25th anniversary. Here again, the idea was to create something aimed squarely at the Amish, “Plain Networking Made Simple.” So you will find a wide range of goods and services, as well as interesting articles on everything from travel, to the Anabaptist approach to business. As they explain on their website <https://plaincommunities.com/...>

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We publish interesting, practical stories and articles that are relevant to the plain community. Articles include topics such as business management, advertising, technical resources, broadening horizons, and more. We also include articles that pertain to typical plain community businesses such as farming, manufacturing, and woodworking.

There are many interesting items to find in its pages. For example, you can buy a hand-crank, battery, air, or electric powered ice cream maker. How about a treadmill to exercise your horse and keep it trim? You might also want the “Cozy-Go Buggy Heater” for your carriage this winter.

Of course there is plenty of dairy and farming equipment, like vacuum pumps for

appliances, lights, and machines operated by batteries of different types and sizes.

To make life easier around the house, get yourself a Dutch Maid Wringer Washer and a Mega Spinner. You will probably want a treadle powered sewing machine that includes a free rubber belt and LED light. How about the “Alfa Sausage Stuffer?” Or perhaps a Fry Pie Machine?

It’s really fascinating to see how Plain people are navigating the world of technology. Are you Amish with no email? There is a company that will allow you to “send and receive emails without a computer, using only your fax machine.”



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milking, and a corn planter for the spring, which can seed two or three rows and be pulled with two horses.

But not all Amish are farmers, and many build storage sheds or make furniture, so they may need machinery, such as diesel generators or an all mechanical slab wood chop saw. Hydraulic and air power operate many other machines. And there are countless tools,

the phone is stripped of what the rest of us probably want!

And along the same lines is the “Plain Book.” Typewriters aren’t commonly made now, so laptops and word processors are available with the Amish and Mennonites in mind, with no video, sound, internet or games.

Other businesses offer related services to Plain businesses, including creating and

maintaining websites, payroll, bookkeeping and accounting, marketing, ad design, etc.

Each year we see changes and challenges that come with technology and, for the Plain communities, each one meets the challenge in their own way, just as we do. Even within the Lancaster settlement, there are variations in what is allowed.

In the excellent book *THE AMISH*, by Kraybill, Johnson-Weiner, and Nolt, the authors reflect on this balancing act between the modern world and the Amish faith and culture...

The Amish suggest that firm limits and clear boundaries may best preserve human dignity over the generations. It is possible, or at least worth trying, the Amish argue, to tame technology, to control the size of things, to bridle bureaucracy, and to hold things to a humane scale. In short, they contend that living with modest humility in a well-ordered and bounded community offers one road to happiness and well-being.

As far back as 1973, long before the internet and technology of today, then Amish writer Elmo Stoll cautioned his community concerning the trends in the world....

If we follow the same route, travel in the same train, we cannot expect to arrive at a different destination. Trailing fifty years behind the world isn't going to get us where we want to be. Those who ride in the caboose are going to the same place as the engineer. 🚂

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There are other smaller theater companies that make the city their home, such as **PRIMA**, with concert versions of musicals, like *Godspell* and *Jekyll & Hide*, as well as several different cabaret-style productions this year featuring music of the 70's, Sondheim, and Motown.

And book-ending the county to the west is **Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre**, for over three decades entertaining audiences with dinner and a show. They have quite a season lined up with the musicals *Stand By Your Man*, *Lucky Stiff*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Camelot*, *Annie*, *Finding Neverland*, *Will Rogers Follies*, and *Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn*. Wow!

I hope you'll sample a little of the amazing range of theater productions we locals can enjoy all year round. And as you leave the theater, don't be surprised if you end up behind an Amish buggy. Perhaps you'll stop and buy a shoofly pie. It's all just part of what makes Amish Country so special! 🚂

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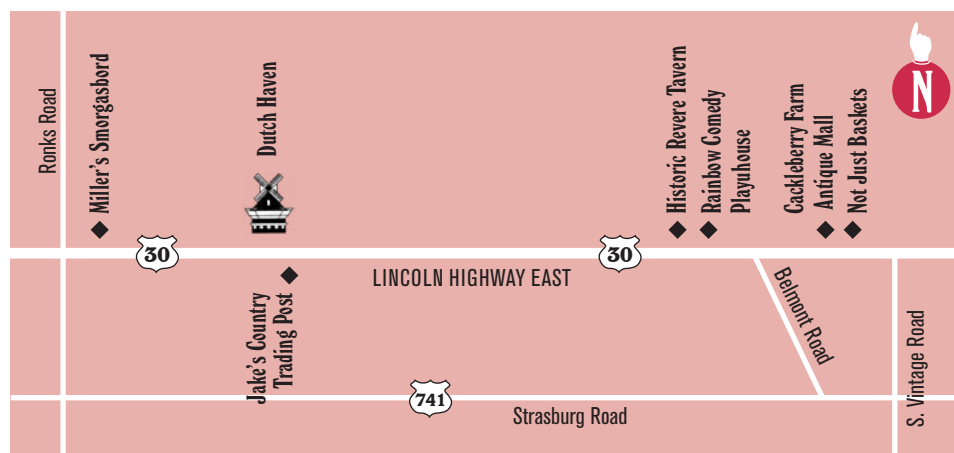
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Different sources credit different people with naming the area. Some say that the name Paradise was given by Joshua Scott, who later became known for his map of Lancaster County. Standing in the middle of a road admiring his surroundings one day in 1804,



Dutch Haven's swinging arms beckon for all to come inside for a taste of Shoo Fly Pie.

he remarked that the town should be called Paradise, because its beauty made it "seem like a paradise."

The story of Paradise and its first settlers goes all the way back to Europe, to the area of the Palatinate in Germany. Here many Protestants settled following the declaration of King Louis XIV that all Protestants in France would be persecuted. With fears of invasion by the army of France looming, many of these people decided to accept the invitation to settle in William Penn's colony of Penn's Woods in



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the New World. In 1708, Daniel Fierre (Ferree), along with his family and mother Mary, went to England to obtain citizenship papers before proceeding to New York.

By 1712, these French Huguenot settlers had secured land in Pennsylvania, in Lancaster's Pequea Valley. They were the first white people in the area and lived peaceably with chief Tanawa and the local Indians. Mary Fierre died four years later at the age of 63. Hers became the first grave in the family's cemetery. If you ride the Strasburg Rail Road, the "Road to Paradise," you will pass her gravesite at Carpenter's Cemetery, one of Lancaster's oldest. (Not surprisingly, some people also credit Mary Ferree with naming Paradise.)

Later on, Joel Ferree, who some say was involved in the development of the Pennsylvania Rifle, gained some fame for his gun shop during the Revolutionary War. Responding to a letter from a committee that included Benjamin Franklin, he decided to enlarge his shop "to promote my Business and to serve my Country in the Common Cause," hoping to double his weekly production of 15 to 20 gun barrels.

It should be noted that David Witmer, Sr. "is credited with the naming of the town of Paradise... Members of his own family criticized him for selecting the name 'Paradise' when he could have used 'Pequea' or 'Tanawa,' in honor of the Native American chief." David was apparently a friend of George Washington, and also a supervisor of a section of the Lancaster-Philadelphia Turnpike.

It was this road that was so important to the development of the village itself. The origins of Route 30, also known as the "Lincoln Highway," go back to Lancaster's colonial days when this frontier county needed a communication route between it and the provincial capital of Philadelphia. At that time, the first "planned" road between Philadelphia and Lancaster was what is now Route 340. It was called the "King's Highway," and today we still call it the "Old Philadelphia Pike."

Construction of the King's Highway began in 1733 and followed, in part, the old Allegheny Native American path. By modern standards, the name "highway" is really a misnomer because the road was only dirt, which became virtually impassable during rain and snow. As time went on, it became evident that the road could not accommodate the increasing traffic between Lancaster and Philadelphia.

A committee was created in 1786 to investigate the possibility of improving inland transportation within the state of Pennsylvania. The conclusion of the committee's work appeared on September 30, 1790, and resulted in the appointment



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Of course, taverns and stagecoach shops grew up along the turnpike for the weary travelers (and horses) making the trip. Of these, the Revere Tavern still proudly stands today. Dating back to 1740, the stone building that was the "stage tavern" was called the "Sign of the Spread Eagle." It was one of the better inns along the 62 miles of turnpike, and catered to the more prosperous class of travelers, providing fine liquors and fine foods in generous portions to satisfy the hearty appetites generated by a long day riding a rocking, jolting stagecoach.

Almost a century later, in 1841, the tavern would become the residence of Reverend Edward V. Buchanan and his wife Eliza Foster Buchanan, while the Reverend established and served as the pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Paradise.

Eliza, his wife, was the sister of Stephen Foster, whose immortal songs will always be a part of America. Foster not only penned some of his music at the tavern, but sent many of his manuscripts to his sister, a talented musician in her own right, for her approval. There, on the banks of the Pequea Creek, Eliza and Stephen played many of the 200 songs written by Stephen, including "My Olde Kentucky Home," "Way Down Upon the Swanee River" and "Oh, Susanna."

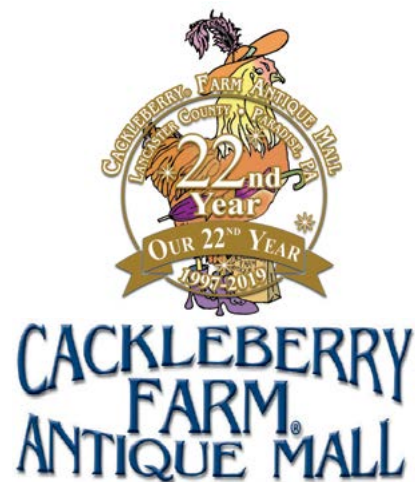
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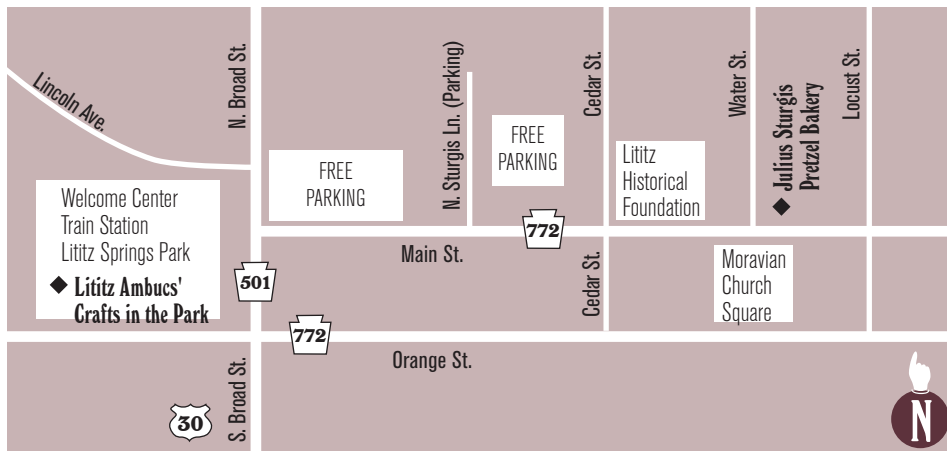
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traveled by human beings for at least 10,000 years."

When you come to Lititz, you'll want to travel Main Street, too. A good place to begin is The Lititz Museum and Historical Foundation, which can be reached at 717.627.4636. The museum is one of the most tastefully and professionally arranged town museums you are likely to see anywhere. The exhibit rooms will give you background on the town's history, from its founding in 1756. Visitors are usually amazed at the two parquet clocks, made by resident Rudolf S. Carpenter in the early 1900's. The larger of the two consists of over 50,000 pieces of wood!



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The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. It was in the present-day Czech Republic that John Hus and followers founded the Moravian Church in 1457. Historians note that since this was 60 years before Luther's Reformation, the Moravians may lay claim to being the oldest organized Protestant Church. But over the course of the Thirty Years War, its 200,000 members nearly disappeared. In the 18th century, a renewal of the Moravian Church came through the patronage of Count Zinzendorf of Saxony. He invited all those persecuted for their faith to come to his lands in Saxony.

As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many Moravians sought freedom by taking the perilous journey to the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with the main settlements becoming established in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Missionary work was integral to the faith, and preachers were sent from the Moravian community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Zinzendorf himself arrived in America in 1742. A local resident, John Klein (Kline), was so moved by hearing Zinzendorf's preaching that he made arrangements to transfer his lands over to the Moravian community in 1755. It was in the following year that the town

actually got the name of Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice, where European Moravian reformers had taken refuge in 15th century.

In addition to mission work, music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For about a hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. A Brothers' House and Sisters' House were erected for the unmarried men and women, although they did not live communally. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own houses. The Brothers' House played a role in the American Revolution. George Washington ordered it used as a military hospital between 1777-78. Some 1,000 soldiers were nursed here, about half of whom died and were buried nearby.

Two names are linked forever with the history of Lititz—Sturgis and Sutter. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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John Sutter was born in Switzerland and in 1834, fleeing creditors in Europe, arrived in New York. In time, he headed west and sailed up the Sacramento River to begin a settlement. By 1848, work was being done on a mill when some gold flakes were spotted in the water. Soon Gold Rush fever struck and Sutter's land was overrun. Because of his need to be near Washington, D.C. while seeking reimbursement for his lost lands, the Sutters stayed one summer at the Springs Hotel in Lititz. They decided to settle there, and promptly bought a home and placed their children in school. The hotel is now known as the General Sutter Inn, and the Sutter home built in 1871 is across the street at 19 East Main Street.

It was in a Washington hotel room where Sutter died in 1880, still involved in unsuccessful attempts at redress from the government for his seized lands. Sutter, a Lutheran, was buried in the Moravian cemetery, normally reserved for Moravian church members. 



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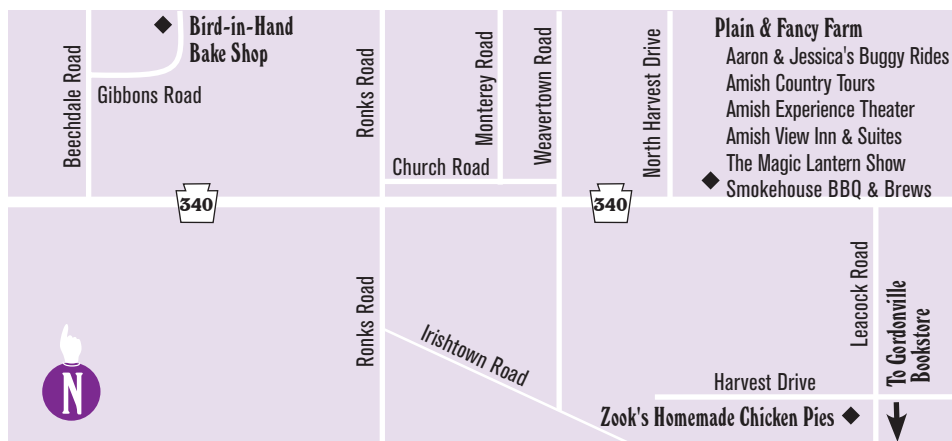
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Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand.

The story of the town of Bird-in-Hand is as colorful as the name itself. To be correct, the town is really a village, since it has

no governing body. When Bird-in-Hand celebrated its 250th Anniversary (1734 – 1984), a commemorative booklet was put together. It outlined a brief history of the town...

The area's first inhabitants were, of course, the Native Peoples of Pennsylvania, in this case

the Shawnees and the Conestogas. Indeed, local farmers have unearthed tomahawks and arrowheads.

William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods (Pennsylvania), and settlers began arriving from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward from the port city of Philadelphia.



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English Quakers and Swiss Mennonites were the early settlers, but over the years, the Germans "made the greatest lasting impact." James Smith was the first of the Quakers known to have settled in the area, arriving by the year 1715. The Quakers built a meetinghouse and two-story academy, which stands today, next to the fire company.

A friendly relationship existed between the Indigenous people and the early settlers. The Native People taught them how to deaden trees, use deerskin, prepare corn as food, and use medicinal herbs. But as the white settlement grew, there was less hunting available, and many Natives became peddlers or beggars.

"When the Old Philadelphia Pike became a well-established route of transportation for those traveling west to the Alleghenies, Lancaster became known as the gateway to the west." The trip by stagecoach for passengers, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to the side of the building.

The reason for these signs was twofold. First, they could be understood by all nationalities. Most travelers were either English or German-speaking people, but other languages were not uncommon. Secondly, many teamsters or wagoners were poorly educated and could not read. If they were given orders to stop at a certain inn, they could do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard. Some of the signs hanging along the Old Philadelphia Pike other than Bird-in-Hand were The Ship, The Wagon, The Plough, The Buck, White Horse, Black horse, The Hat and others.

The old legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand concerns the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out between Lancaster and Philadelphia. By 1734, road surveyors were making McNabb's hotel, built by pioneer landowners William and Dorothy

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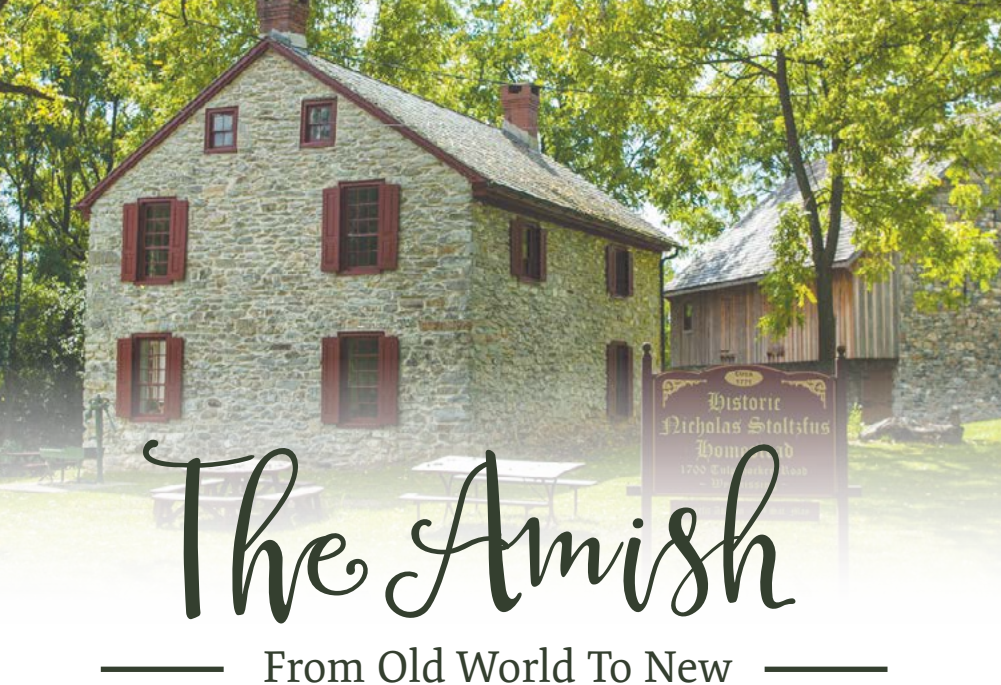


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The Amish

From Old World To New

By Brad Igou

INFLATION, POVERTY, RELIGIOUS DISPUTES, THREATS TO GOVERNMENT STABILITY, WARS...

While this may sound like a list of problems from our world today, it was also the world of 16th century Europe. In 1517, a Catholic monk named Martin Luther challenged the church's authority and doctrine, beginning the Protestant Reformation. A new invention, the printing press, and the support of German princes helped to spread Luther's ideas.

Ulrich Zwingli, a Protestant priest in Zurich, Switzerland, taught "salvation by grace through faith alone." But some followers were troubled by Zwingli's alliance with City Council. Zwingli felt God's Kingdom on earth should be established by political power. But some of his followers disagreed, and thought the church and state should be separate. They also believed in adult baptism. The Council demanded these dissenters baptize their children. Indeed, infant baptism was the main way authorities knew of the birth of children for their tax purposes.

On January 21, 1525, they secretly met and re-baptized each other to signify an adult commitment to their faith, and a Church not part of the State. Their radical acts challenged the unity and authority of both.

The results? They were hunted down, threatened, exiled, tortured, sold into slavery, branded, burned at the stake, drowned, or dismembered. A book of some 1200 pages was printed in the year 1660 in Holland to preserve the stories of hundreds of these Anabaptists (re-baptizers) who chose to suffer rather than to resist. Called the MARTYRS MIRROR, it is still found in many Amish homes today.

Of the hundreds of stories, perhaps the most profound is that of Dirck Willems. Pursued by an Anabaptist hunter across frozen water, his captor fell through the ice. Willems, rather

than escaping, returned to save his captor's life. Willems, however, was taken into custody and later burned at the stake.

The Anabaptist faith of these Swiss Brethren spread from Switzerland to Germany and the Netherlands. In the following years, thousands of these Anabaptists were put to death by both Protestants and Catholics, who viewed them as dangerous radicals for various reasons. These experiences ingrained in them a suspicion of the world and government, as well as humility and a belief in separateness from and denial of the violence around them. Leaders of the Anabaptists groups met to record their beliefs in adult baptism and discipline by and within the church. The Dutch Anabaptist document of 1632 known as the DORDRECHT CONFESSION remains to this day as the key statement of Amish "doctrine."

Some of the imprisoned Anabaptists set to writing hymns in their cells. These were soon printed and, with the addition of others, became the AUSBUND, the hymnbook still used by the Amish today, some 400 years since these words were written...

*We wander in the forest dark,
With dogs upon our track;
And like the silent, captive lamb
Men bring us, prisoners, back.
They point to us amid the throng,
And with their taunts offend;
And long to let the sharpened ax
On heretics descend.*

The greatest of the Anabaptist writers was former Dutch Catholic priest Menno Simons. From his name, the followers later became known as Mennists and Mennonites. Simons wrote of the need to avoid or shun some of the Anabaptists who had opted for violence in spreading their views. Of his life he wrote...

For 18 years now I, my poor feeble wife, and little children have endured extreme anxiety, oppression, affliction, misery and persecution; and at the peril of my life have been compelled everywhere to live in fear and seclusion. Yea, while the State ministers rest on beds of ease and soft pillows, we generally have to hide ourselves; while they appear at weddings and banquets with pipe and lute, we must be on guard when dogs bark lest the captors be at hand; while they have large incomes and easy times, our pay is fire, sword, and death.

By the late 1600's, disagreements arose in the church over reforms, shunning, and church discipline. An Anabaptist elder born in Switzerland, Jakob Ammann, and his followers ended up breaking away in 1693. This conservative faction later became known as the Amish.

William Penn, an English Quaker once himself imprisoned for his beliefs, was forming a colony based on religious freedom in the New World. It was called Penn's Woods, or Pennsylvania. His land agents invited many of the persecuted religious minorities to come to America. The Mennonites and Amish started arriving in the early 1700's. The journey across the seas was a long and perilous one, lasting two to three months. Many people died from disease before they had even reached the New World. Of such voyages, we have these words from a passenger diary kept on the ship "Charming Nancy" in 1737...

On the 29th of July, three children died. On the first of August my Hanseli died, and the Tuesday previous five children died. On the 3rd of August, contrary winds beset the vessel and from the first to the 7th of the month three more children died... Landed in Philadelphia on September the 18th, and my wife and I left the ship on the 19th. A child was born to us on the 20th - died - wife recovered. A voyage of 83 days.

One day in October in the 1760's, Nicholas Stoltzfus of Germany arrived in Philadelphia as well. Today, nearly 1,000 families in Lancaster bear his name, along with others such as King, Fisher, Beiler, Esh, Lapp, and Glick. Each arrived with a unique story; each came with the hope for a better life. As one contemporary Amish author has written...*Men and women struggled to know the will of God, and to live it. True faith in the sixteenth century was not easy. Nor is it easy today in the twentieth century. The cost is still the same --whole-hearted devotion and obedience to God. Temptations have not lessened, nor even changed, in 400 years. The decisions of our forefathers are the decisions that we face today.* 

EDITOR'S NOTE: An excellent depiction of the Amish beginnings can be seen in the five screen, special effects viewing of "Jacob's Choice" at the Amish Experience Theater between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse at the eastern end of Plain and Fancy Farm.

Bird-in-Hand Cont'd From Page 25

McNabb, their headquarters rather than returning to Lancaster every day for lodging.

Legend says that two road surveyors were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or go to the town of Lancaster to spend the night. One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and so they remained. The sign in front of the inn is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched," and soon was known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn.

"The last hand-painted sign featuring the bird in hand was done by Benjamin Elmer Leaman and his artwork merely portrayed a bird in a hand." Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. Some residents might say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality.

The original hotel was destroyed by fire about 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it by Benjamin Groff. It was auctioned off for \$8,457 in 1853, and over the years has had several owners. In the early 1900's, there were foxhunts from the hotel, as well as horse and cow sales.

Of course, with all the wagon traffic on the pike, milestones were placed along the road to help travelers with distances. One of them still can be seen just west of the village toward Smoketown. Since Bird-in-Hand is 60 miles from Philadelphia and about 6 miles from Lancaster, the stone marker reads "60 to P, 6 to L." This was chiseled deep into the stone, supposedly so that those traveling at night could feel the lettering and know their location, even without a light.

The year 1834 marked the beginning of construction of the 86-mile Pennsylvania Railroad line between Philadelphia and Columbia. Bird-in-Hand, with its tanneries, feed mills, coal and lumberyards, was the most important stop on the Lancaster to Coatesville section. "Different contractors each built two miles of track. The first track had no wooden ties, but rather huge stone blocks were laid about 20 feet apart and a wooden beam was laid between them. A piece of light iron track was then spiked to the beam. One could take a stagecoach, change the wheels, and put it on the tracks and pick up passengers." Horses were used to pull the cars. In 1836 a second track was laid and locomotives began pulling the cars. Horses were banned ten years later.

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The town of Bird-in-Hand remained relatively unknown until a musical called *PLAIN & FANCY* opened in New York. "Plain Betsy," a play by Marion Bucher Weaver of Columbia, inspired the Broadway musical. The cast was brought to Bird-in-Hand on January 17, 1955, prior to the official opening. The show *Playbill* noted that "The action takes place in and around Bird-in-Hand, a town in the Amish country of Pennsylvania." The musical opened with a large map of Lancaster County, pinpointing its unusual town names,

like Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. As the show begins, we meet two sophisticated New Yorkers who have come to Lancaster to sell a farm they have inherited. They are now lost, and in the big opening number ask the locals for directions --- "Where the heck is Bird-in-Hand?" Today, the town of Bird-in-Hand is still small, said to have a population of only about 300 people. On any given day, there may be more visitors than inhabitants. Many are city folks who have come to enjoy the country atmosphere, history, and shopping. It is said that visitors "can still expect friendly shopkeepers, homegrown Lancaster County foods, and restful lodging for weary travelers." 

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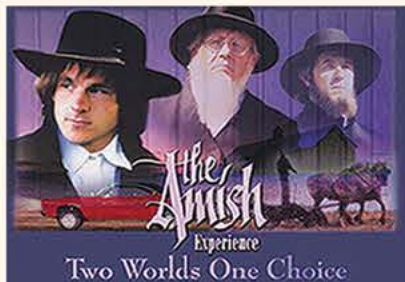
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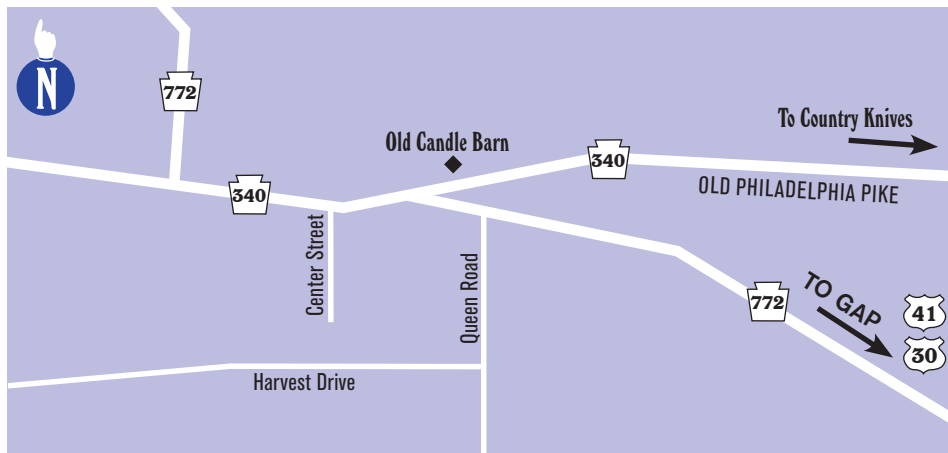
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Probably no other town in Amish Country can claim its fame is owed largely to one simple thing --- its name. For years people have come to this town to send letters home with the name stamped boldly on the envelope... Intercourse, PA. Some visitors even ask where the university is located in town (there is none) because they see so many T-shirts emblazoned with "Intercourse University." Local businesses have received phone calls from people chastising them for using "that word" in their marketing. (They did not believe there was a town with that name.)

Perhaps it says more about us these days, that we can find so much to get worked up about in one word. Those of us who live here simply take all the fuss in stride. After all, we live in a county that has other interesting town names, including Bird-in-Hand, Blue Ball,

and Paradise. There are several explanations on how the town got its name, and they are woven into the brief history that follows.

In the beginning, of course, there was very little here, just settlers arriving in the New World from Europe. Back around 1730, the Old Provincial Highway (or Old Philadelphia Pike, Route 340) was laid out. It was to connect Philadelphia with the inland town of Lancaster and to serve as the main transportation route west for settlers. Conestoga wagons, pulled by six to eight horses, hauled supplies and freight back and forth between the two towns. Taverns sprouted along the way, providing rest for travelers and horses. As is the case with turnpike exits today, towns and businesses often grow up around such "stops." In the old days, the taverns were centers for news, gossip, and business transactions.



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And that is how the town got started when the first building, a log tavern, was constructed in 1754. The Newport Road, a former Indian trail, came from Newport, Delaware to the south and went to Mount Hope, near the Cornwall ore mines. It is believed that because this north-south road intersected here with the east-west highway, the tavern took "Cross Keys" as its name. That was true at least until 1814, when it was named Intercourse in a real estate scheme to establish a more sizable town. George Brungard had acquired 48 acres of land north of the roads in 1813. He attempted to lay out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising "151 handsome building lots of \$250 each to be drawn for by number."

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importance of so many turnpikes and great leading roads intersecting at and near this place." As one writer has noted, "in the written annals of early days, 'intercourse' had a common usage referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling which was so much more common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village of that day."

And this brings us to yet another theory on the town's name. From the east end of town, on a mile long straightaway, horse races were conducted. Since the races began at that end of town, this was the "Enter Course," and this name eventually became Intercourse. Indeed, a postal historian, Arthur B. Gregg claims that the town's name was actually changed from "Entercourse" to "Intercourse," and notes that "there was no hesitancy on the part of the United States Post office Department to accept the name 'Intercourse' since it meant a commercial or trading site."

But back to our story and Brungard's scheme. Although lotteries had been used for many years to sell various things, his real estate lottery failed, and most of the land was combined into one tract. More recently, in 1971, another person tried to take advantage of the town's name and sell one-inch square plots of property to visitors. This plan proved to be a flop as well.

In the old days, there were only five houses, counting the inn, and the town grew slowly. Another tavern, the Travelers Rest Inn, was built in 1827, on land that was part of the original William Penn land grant. (One story associated with this inn is that when the building was purchased in the 1930's, Amish church leaders requested the deed state alcoholic beverages would never be served there again due to problems that had arisen in the past.)

Two other taverns were just outside of town, the Hat Tavern to the east and the Duke of Wellington to the west. A store was built in 1833, and more houses were constructed on the north and south sides of the road. In 1857, a brick schoolhouse was built at a cost of \$699. The Intercourse School, a one-room school built in 1882, is today the area library, but over the years was used for public meetings, spelling bees, and even for Mennonite Sunday School classes.

Getting the aforementioned post office up and running was another matter. The main problem was finding a building and someone willing to perform the duties of a postmaster. The first postmaster, Benjamin Fraim, performed his duties from the Cross Keys Tavern, and may have had a job working there, since "his income, based on a

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percentage of the postal transactions for the year ending 1829 was only \$8.21." And so it was that over the years, the post office moved to stores or restaurants whose owners hoped visits by local residents would increase their business as well. (After a great deal of work on the part of many citizens, Intercourse was designated a first class post office in 1990.)

By 1880, Intercourse had 54 homes and a population of 280, and transportation continued to play an important part in town history. The local stagecoach service apparently started around 1898. It was "a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats." The stagecoach brought items from Lancaster City for local Intercourse businesses, and even

picked up milk, butter, and eggs for delivery to Lancaster restaurants and industries, including an ice cream plant. One history of Intercourse notes that when it snowed, a bobsled was used instead. "When the driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort was added to by many a hot brick heated the night before in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve its warmth."

By 1910, the road through town improved with a stone bottom until it was paved by 1920. As the days of the dirt road drew to a close, so too did the stagecoach days with the Rowe Motor Truck service started by Coleman Diller in 1910. In 1923 the Penn Highway Transit Company was organized and initiated bus service to Lancaster. It is

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Zimmerman's gained fame when Harrison Ford made a phone call from its porch in the movie WITNESS. The present store was built in 1892 after the famous town fire. In the old days, there was lots of trading, with farmers exchanging items like hides, butter, and even soap for store merchandise. April 1st was the yearly date when each party paid the other whatever the balance was in the exchanges of the year. On more than one occasion the store ended up with too much of an item, and sometimes excess soap and rags were sold to the Lancaster County Prison. Over the years, the store had the town's first mechanical refrigeration, first radio set, and first gasoline pump.

Other businesses around town over the years included harness and buggy shops, a hosiery mill, blacksmiths, bakery, furniture, brick kiln, and farm equipment, with Smoker Elevator Company known nationally. For a while, a large pond near town provided ice to five area businesses. "The ice was stored in chopped straw and sawdust... Filling the ice

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Community banks were another feature of town life. The First National Bank was opened in 1908. The building with its Colonial Revival architecture, is on the National Historic Register and is now the home of one of the town's unique attractions, the American Edged Weaponry Museum.

Communications improved with the formation of the Intercourse Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1909, and operators worked the exchange, often out of their homes, until the dial system came along in 1951.

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By Clinton Martin

July 4th, 2018 marked the first time that Pennsylvanians could celebrate Independence Day with aerial fireworks. A 2017 law change allowed Pennsylvania residents to finally buy all types of consumer fireworks, including firecrackers, Roman candles, rockets, mortars and all types of aerial fireworks. Out of state residents have been able to purchase those items in Pennsylvania for many years, but now Pennsylvanians can join the fun.

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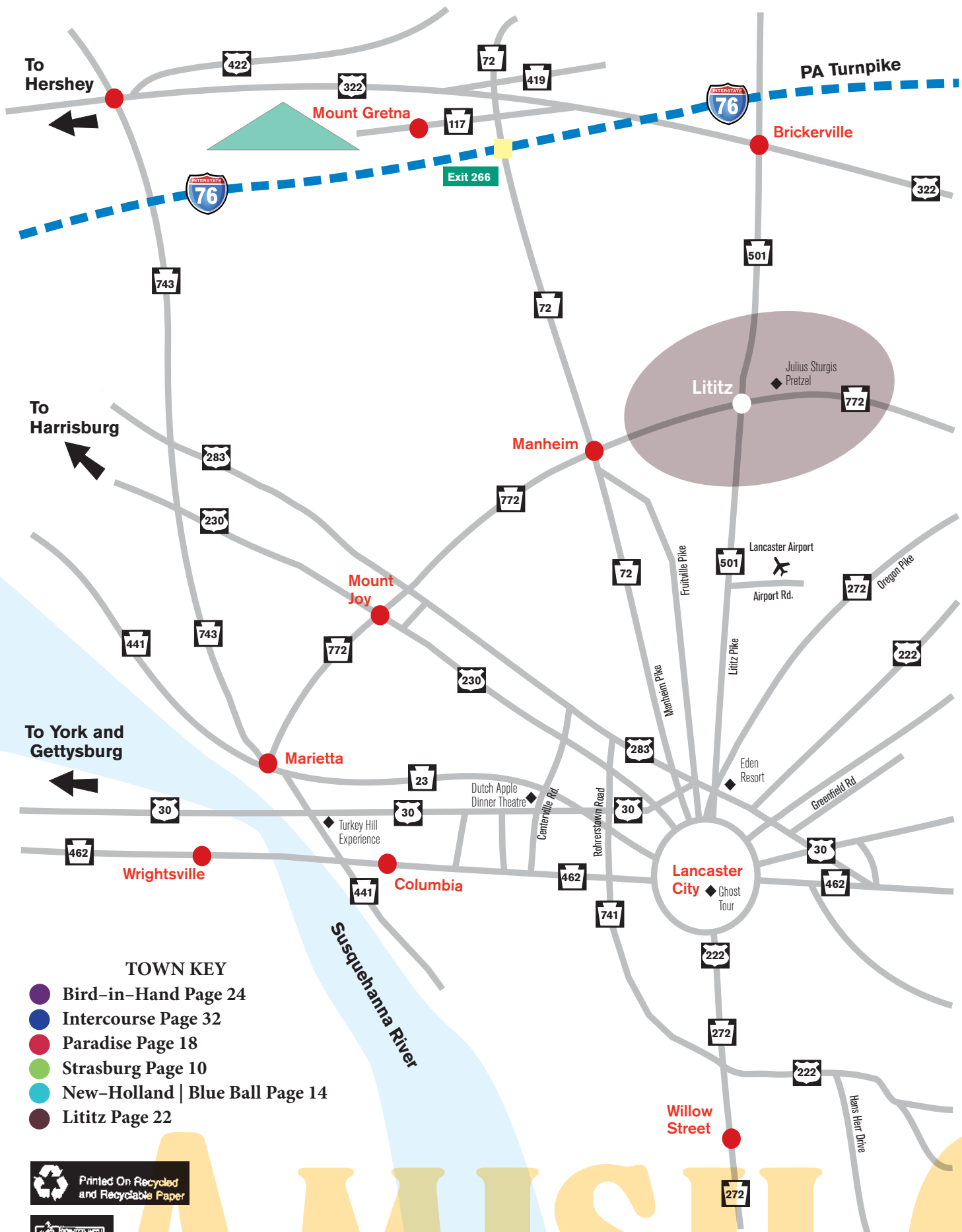
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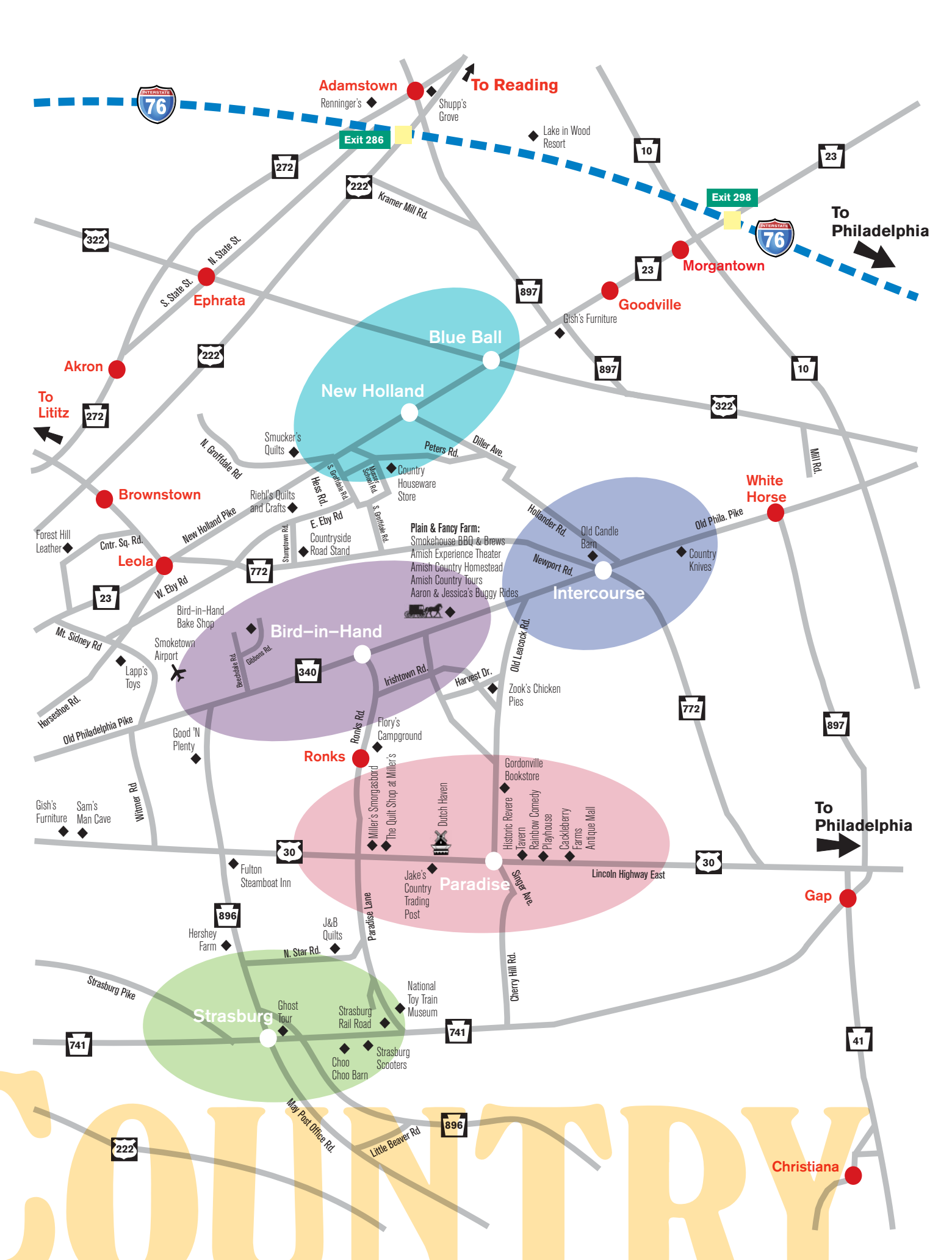
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houses in the cold winter events was quite an event and took on a holiday aspect."

Since the town never really got to be "too large," it has retained much of its sense of community, from the little public library in a former one-room school to the volunteer fire company. Over the years there have been an Improvement Association, Literary Society, Death Benefit Association, Debating Society, and Merchants Association. Surrounded by farms, the town has grown little and retains much of its former charm, even when thousands of visitors descend upon it during the tourist season.

Religion always played an important part in community life, as could be seen by

the various nearby churches --- Episcopal, German Baptist, Mennonite, United Brethren, Presbyterian, Methodist and Reformed. The Amish, of course, comprise a large percentage of the area's residents, but they worship in each other's homes. Even today, most Intercourse businesses are closed on Sunday, and one can walk the streets as the Amish carriages go by.

Many residents and visitors enjoy the atmosphere of this small town, a place where family, community, religion, and hard work are still important values. The village of Intercourse has certainly changed over the years, but it has changed slowly, and "sometimes the things that grow the slowest are the ones that endure the longest." 

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SPECIAL CHILDREN - SPECIAL AUCTION

By Brad Igou

Auctions have long been important fund raisers for many charities and non-profits in Amish Country. These include the famous fire company "mud sales," and those for religious or community support groups, including the wonderful Hospice of Lancaster County Labor Day Auction. Such events feature many of the foods and crafts for which our area is famous.

Since Plain people are involved in many auctions, these are opportunities to rub elbows without feeling like you are gawking. In fact, many auctions are planned for when visitors are in the area, since they are often some of the main bidders, especially when quilts are on the block. And there's the food!



My personal favorite is the **Clinic for Special Children Auction**, held on June 15th in 2019, at the Leola Produce Auction on Brethren Church Road, a mile north of Route 23 in Leola.

What is the Clinic for Special Children? According to their newsletter, it is "a non-profit medical service for Amish and Mennonite children with genetic disorders. The clinic serves children by translating advances in genetics into timely diagnoses and accessible, comprehensive medical care, and by developing better understanding of heritable diseases."

Dr. Holmes Morton founded the Clinic in 1989. Over the first twenty years, the case load grew from 100 to 1,000 patients, with the number of genetic disorders treated from 12 to 109. The diagnosis of many rare disorders has saved the lives of thousands of children, often with the help of medical centers and researchers around the world. While the research benefits children everywhere, the Clinic's local services are some of the best available, with care plans designed especially for the individual patient.

Here is just one example of the Clinic's work over the years. When a disorder suddenly took the lives of two young brothers, there was concern about how to get blood samples and diagnose others in their extended family who might be at risk. The family had a wedding coming up. Three staff members from the Clinic "drew blood samples for three hours on a Saturday night at the wedding reception. Out of the 63 people tested, we found 12 males who were at risk for the overwhelming infection, and 14 female carriers." As with many of these rare genetic disorders, newborn screening may detect those most at risk and very often save lives.

The idea for the auction came from a group of volunteers in 1991. At the 2011 Lancaster auction, "the same group of dedicated volunteers who planned the very first auction for the clinic in 1991 are still on the auction committee." There were a total of 89 quilts auctioned. There are usually around 1,500 bidders along with about 30 volunteer clerks and auctioneers at seven simultaneous auction blocks. With about 4,000 donated items that include everything from furniture and swing sets to farm equipment and crafts, there truly is something for everyone.

I enjoy going just to eat. Here is a sampling of the 2011 food numbers: 18,000 donuts, 3,200 subs, 4,000 soft pretzels, 530 gallons of ice cream, 500 smoothies, 2,637 pounds of barbecued chicken, 3,700 pounds of potatoes for French fries and chips, 700 omelets, 600 pancakes, 8 roasted pigs for those delicious pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, and thousands of whoopie pies in many variations.

And so, on an isolated farm south of Strasburg, doctors in a state-of-the-art genetic research facility and a group of people known for shunning much of the world's modern technology collaborate in an inspiring effort that helps their children and many others. Try to be around for this auction. If there is one unforgettably inspiring, totally unique Amish Country experience, this is it. For more information about The Clinic for Special Children visit www.ClinicForSpecialChildren.org 

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